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SCHOOL lands and roadlands will live when speeches are forgotten.

Our friends at Dallas should not fight Fort Worth in this convention business. Fort Worth helped Dallas the other time.

FORT WORTH wants the Democratic convention and would appreciate highly a decision to hold it here. We mean all of them.

NEW ORLEANS is making vigorous war on the vagrants. It is called "the long charge," and the order to all loafers is "move on."

Representation at New Orleans.  
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The G. O. & S. F. R.R.  
The following from the Galveston News of Thursday will be read with interest by the people of this section and accepted as an authentic statement: "Some unwarranted attacks by public prints have recently been made on the management and prospects of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad. With what object is not made clear—possibly in a spirit of sensational tattle, or perhaps of malice. At the first appearance of these detrimental reports—based on what was termed street rumor—the president of the Santa Fe road made public through the News a flat contradiction of their tenor and import. The same matter, with additions and embellishments, was revived yesterday in the columns of a neighboring paper, to the effect that general dissensions pervaded the management of the road; that there were conflicting and hostile factions therein; that Galveston had lost its grip upon the Santa Fe, and that Gould was about to absorb the property. This is about the substance of the latest attack. The News is authorized to say by parties prominent in the management of the road, and the News says it with an abiding faith in the correctness of their statements, that there is not one word of truth in the deductions of these ill-advised if not malicious publications. The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad is in better shape at the present time than ever before in its existence, its management clear and decided upon its value as a Galveston enterprise, perfect harmony and accord existing in its councils, and Mr. Jay Gould is about as near coming into control of the road as he has ever been. In fact there is nothing to warrant the assumption that Mr. Gould desires to control it. Yesterday's publication in a neighboring journal is another substantial tribute to the recklessness of assertion which has become a marked feature of its management."

Comparative Prosperity.  
In his speech apologizing for and defending his remarkable bill, except the "octopus bill," Senator Terrell made use of the figures and logic contained in the quoted extract to sustain his argument:

When we compare our condition with that of older states, the warm blood must leap with exultation and hope, over the future. No blundering statesmanship or doubtful hemispheres can stand us, for on the broad shoulders of the mighty host of millions of the soil, who, in the end, are always conservative.

They didn't say "he wouldn't allow himself to be made a scape-goat," but that, owing to "a premature discussion" of his name. It is all right now. The Houston Post's apology has been accepted; but please tell the story straight, for if the GAZETTE hadn't been so "sensitive" the alleged "forced" construction would have become the general one. There is nothing like hitting a slander as you do a nail—on the head.

THE American dude has forced that grave and dignified body, the American senate, to recognize him. In a debate last week upon the propriety of allowing officers in the military or naval service to accept decorations or souvenir compliments from foreign potentates, our Senator Maxey complained, in sarcastic terms, of the "dudishness" of American officers who hanker after such distinctions. But it was no go, for the senate forthwith passed a bill permitting a naval officer to accept a gold snuff-box from the czar of Russia. The officer was present at the coronation, and hence the czar's offer of the token.

FIVE years ago Memphis was the butt of financial circles. Bankrupt, loaded down with debt and just emerging from a disastrous struggle with yellow fever, it seemed as though the city on the bluff had seen its best days. In the five years that have elapsed nearly two-thirds of the indebtedness has been funded and paid; an extensive system of sanitation has been inaugurated and carried out; capital has come in and made investments; the population has grown, and to-day Memphis is thrifty and prosperous, with cheering prospects ahead. This shows what pluck can do. A people less undaunted would have succumbed and accepted what appeared to be inevitable. It is an example well calculated to inspire other communities.

A Wigwam for the Convention.

One argument being used by interested parties against the holding of the Democratic state convention in Fort Worth is the lack of hall room. Our opera house is as large as any in Texas, and will seat as many people. But we waive this fact, and if the opera house decided unfit for convention work Fort Worth will build a house to suit.

This GAZETTE promises the Democratic party: if it will elect to meet at Fort Worth, ample hall room will be provided. We want the convention and, our people have never yet failed to do their duty in such cases. We trust, therefore, that our friends will not be deterred from voting for Fort Worth by such arguments as the one mentioned. This city will furnish all the hall room necessary.

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THE legislature of Arizona offered \$2 reward for every Apache scalp brought in, and the Indian hunters not being very successful in bringing in the genuine article, a Connecticut genius in that section of the country invented and made a scalp which very neatly passed muster.

MR. P. T. BARNUM is going to pain off on the American public a little pink and pleated rump of an elephant not worth \$500, for that sacred white animal they have been led to expect—a genuine, guaranteed white elephant, culled from the collection of an eastern despot at a cost of \$50,000.

These figures tell a widely variant story from that Mr. Terrell would have them tell. They show the interdependence of manufactures and agriculture and their mutual support. They prove that the 344,286 persons engaged in agriculture in Texas, upon whom Mr. Terrell constructs his hopes of the future of the state, are in fact in worse condition than the 201,828 agriculturists in Pennsylvania, though the former are in large excess of all other classes or occupations, and the latter as largely outnumbered by other occupations. They show that the 974,900 engaged in professional, mechanical and manufacturing industries in Pennsylvania made a market so remunerative to the 201,828 farmers that these latter were able to get an average return for their work of \$433 per capita, considerably more than twice what was earned by the Texas agriculturists.

The figures of the other states also prove that as manufactures increase the wages of their employees are increased, and further that the profits of agriculture are advanced.

Does Mr. Terrell think that the farmers of Texas, though they outnumber all the other classes and trades, are better off, more contented and thrifter than they would be if the ratio were less? Would they be less prosperous if the number engaged in other occupations approached more nearly to their number? Would there be more lawlessness in the state if we had more artisans and operatives, and fewer farmers? Does it make his "blood leap with exultation and hope" to think that the ratio of agriculturists to other classes is to be maintained, or even increased in the future, when those agriculturists are living on \$182 a year, which might be increased to \$250 or even \$400 a year by the addition of a class who will reduce this excessive ratio of "broad-shouldered tillers of the soil," and make a good market for their productions? And finally, does Mr. Terrell think the financial and social condition of the state would be lowered by a reversal of the superiority of the agricultural classes?

THE Cincinnati coffin-makers' association embraces thirty-three firms, representing \$20,000,000 capital.

AN ovarian tumor weighing sixty pounds was recently taken from Mrs. Capt. Crowley of Oswego, N. Y.

A CITIZEN of Gainesville, Ga., who is worth nearly \$100,000, never wore a pair of shoes until he was 21 years of age.

A FRUITFUL farmer of Jackson, Ga., has eight daughters ranging in regular succession in age and size like statuettes.

A CITIZEN of Barbados, Me., in a fit of insanity recently cut off his toes, one at a time, and calmly trimmed the stumps.

THERE are about 16,000,000 children of "school age," which varies in the different states from 4 to 16, in the United States.

A CHURCH sexton's body in Hackensack, N. J., was refused burial in a cemetery there recently because he was colored.

THE first place of business erected by the New Haven, Conn., colonics, dating

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is a high order as well, which has rendered it not only intelligent but has also freed it from many of the prejudices of caste. It was in such a community and amid such influences that Mrs. Douglass was educated and it is not surprising that she has the courage of her opinions."

"Anything Good of Us?"  
Editor Gazette.

We are considerably amused, not to say greatly diverted, by the "You tickle me and I'll laugh for you" plan that some of our leading dailies resort to, for the purpose of convincing the great mass of the public that they are the greatest in Texas journalism. It reminds us forcibly of an occurrence in Tennessee years ago. A country woman attended a social gathering, where reception rooms were arranged for depositing of cloaks, hats and wraps of the incoming guests; one for the lords of creation, another for the fairer sex." By chance our hero, indulging too freely in viands, mistook his bearings and concluded to sleep off the effects of his potations in the ladies' reception room, so while reclining upon a bed and concealed beneath the cloak and wrappings of the maiden guests, his slumbering inclinations were arrested by the advent into the chamber of two maidens fair, who in social chat were profuse in revealing the encomiums that distinguished beauty had bestowed in the ears of one regarding the charms of the other. While in the midst of this exuberant flattery long drawn out, in which each was lavishing sweet sounding praises into the other's readily attentive ear, their confidences were abruptly broken in upon by our country youth raising up and saying, "Say, girls, did yer hear any fellow say anything about me?" In his language we think our deserving weeklies, whose name is legion, and whose potency for good is certainly equal to that of our great dailies, can interrupt their stream of columnistic commentaries of self by paraphrasing the bumptious remark. Say, dailies, did you hear any fellow say anything about us?" ("Verbum sat.")

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A MIDDLE-AGED lover, near Helena, Montana, presented his best girl on her birthday with a gallon of buttermilk and a roll of butter, bettered by an assurance that he loved but her.

LUCILLE H. MURCH of Belfast, Me., passes as the most popular girl next to Job Three times a day for twenty-five years has Murch recorded in his diaries the state of the weather.

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